

# **MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION**

## **November 2, 2006 Meeting Minutes**

Place: MDOT 1<sup>st</sup> floor auditorium

Meeting was called to order at 1:38 pm by Chairman George Phillips.

### **Commission Members Present:**

MS Department of Public Safety	George Phillips
MS Department of Corrections	Chris Epps
MS Association of Fire Chiefs	Tom Lariviere
MS Department of Information Technology Services	David Litchliter
MS Department of Transportation	Willie Huff
MS Municipal League	George Lewis
MS Supervisors Association	Joel Yelverton
MS Department of Health	Brian Amy
MS National Guard	Gary Ladd
MS Police Chiefs Association	Tommy Moffett
MS Sheriffs' Association	James Newman
MS Department of Environmental Quality	Clovis Reed
MS Highway Safety Patrol	Michael Berthay
MS Emergency Management Agency	Tom McAllister
Safe City Initiative	Mark McCreery
MS Department of Homeland Security	Jay Ledbetter

### **Advisory Members Present:**

Representative Tyrone Ellis  
Senator Hob Bryan  
Senator Tom King  
Senator Tommy Robertson

Chairman George Phillips called the meeting to order at 1:38 pm. Chairman Phillips asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Joel Yelverton made the motion, and it was seconded by Tommy Moffett. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Joel Yelverton reported for the Rules Committee. There was one request for approval from the MS National Guard. Gary Ladd explained the details of the request. The MS National Guard currently has cellular service with Cingular Wireless and would like to change to Cellular South. They will be cutting the number of devices to 378 for a total expense of \$268,740 for a year of service. They will continue the service with Cellular South until a state approved plan is in place. Mr. Yelverton stated that the Rules Committee would like to make a motion to approve the request. Clovis Reed seconded the motion, and it was approved with none opposed.

Clovis Reed reported for the Cellular RFP Committee. Mr. Reed stated that the committee had received proposals from five vendors, which will make presentations to the committee on December 5, 2006.

Willie Huff had no report for the Interoperability Committee.

Gary Ladd reported for the Governance Committee. He requested that three additional members be added to the committee. The additional members will be Jay Ledbetter, Joel Yelverton, and Bill Buffington. Chairman Phillips agreed with his request. Chairman Phillips explained that Nick Wilson will be removed from the committee because of changes within the Municipal League, which he represents.

Chairman Phillips formally introduced Jay Ledbetter, the new Director of Homeland Security.

Willie Huff reported for the RFP Evaluation Committee. Mr. Huff stated that a draft of the policy for called meetings and rescheduled meetings had been distributed. Mr. Huff read the draft and asked the Commission for discussion. There was discussion about how many members would be needed to call a special meeting. It was decided that nine members must agree to call a meeting. Mr. Reed stated that the draft needs to state that the chairman calls a meeting with written request from nine members. Mr. Huff made a motion to approve the draft with the change. It was seconded by Tom Lariviere, and it passed with none opposed.

Mr. Huff stated that it is time to approve phase four of the project with BGA, which will cost \$183,840. It has already been approved by MDOT. Mr. Huff made a motion to concur with MDOT, which was seconded by Gary Ladd. It passed with none opposed.

Mr. Huff displayed a powerpoint presentation explaining the process by which the proposals for the statewide radio system were evaluated. Bill Roach of ITS explained the results of the evaluation process. Mr. Roach stated that the two vendors were very close on technical scores with Motorola scoring slightly higher. In the cost comparison, Motorola gave a lower cost for both total implementation and the 15 year life cycle. Mr. Huff made a motion that the Wireless Communication Commission submit the evaluation to ITS for approval. The motion was seconded by Gary Ladd. David Litchliter abstained from the vote. The motion passed with none opposed. Mr. Huff reminded everyone that the information contained in the proposals is proprietary and must be kept confidential.

Chairman Phillips announced that the Contract Negotiation Committee will be the same as the Evaluation Committee with the addition of Jay Ledbetter.

Chairman Phillips suggested that the Wireless Communication Commission seek legal counsel. Willie Huff made a motion that the Commission contract with a lawyer. The motion was seconded by Tom McAllister and was approved with none opposed.

Chairman Phillips asked if there was any old or new business to be discussed.

The next meeting will be December 7, 2006, in the MDOT Auditorium at 1:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.